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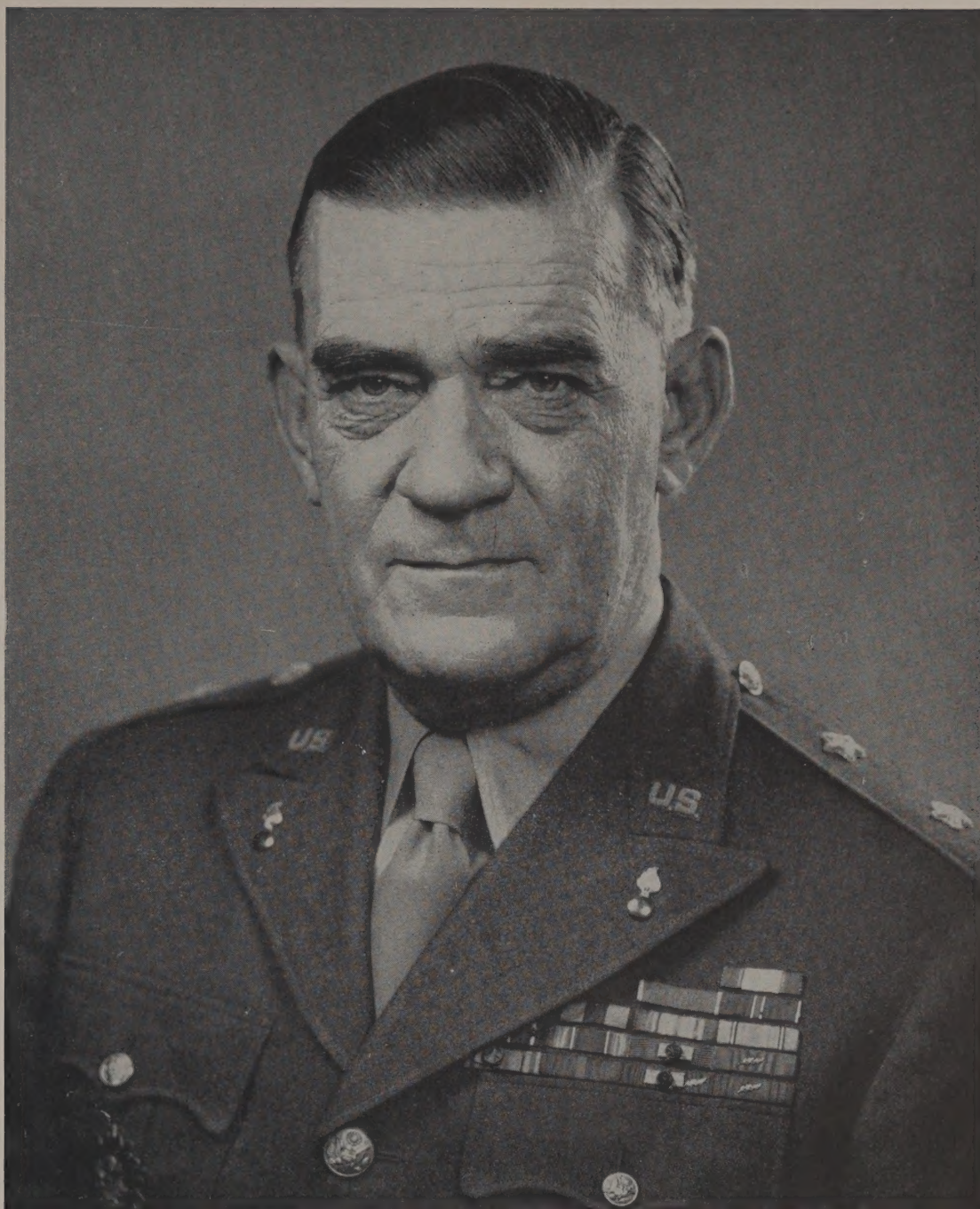
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EVERETT S. HUGHES

MAJOR GENERAL

Chief of Ordnance

Maj. Gen. Everett S. Hughes became Chief of Ordnance on June 1, 1946. The new Chief was born in Ipswitch, South Dakota, October 21, 1885. He attended Mankato High School, Mankato, Minn., before his appointment to West Point, where he was Captain of the first lacrosse team and a member of the track team. He graduated from the Point in 1908 as a Second Lieutenant of Field Artillery, and returned there as an instructor for about three months. His first assignment after being transferred to the Ordnance Department in 1911 was the Watertown Arsenal, Watertown, Mass., where he was graduated from the Ordnance School of Technology. The Mexican Punitive Expedition broke shortly after General Hughes returned from three year tour of duty at the Manila Ordnance Depot in the Philippines, and he was appointed Ordnance Officer of the Expedition under Gen. John J. Pershing. Later he served as C. O. of the Harlington Ordnance Depot, Texas. In 1917 he was Chief of the Artillery Section, Procurement Division, Office, Chief of Ordnance, Washington. He went to France with the AEF in October, 1918, and remained overseas until 1919 as a Colonel. Between the two World Wars, among other activities, General Hughes served on the Claims Board, Chicago; he graduated from School of the Line, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, and from the General Staff School there; was Instructor, Command and General Staff School, Ft.

Leavenworth, Kansas; graduated from Army War College; was Chief, Gun Testing Department, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; and Chief, Equipment Division, Field Service, Office, Chief of Ordnance.

In July, 1942, as a Colonel, he went to England as Chief Ordnance Officer of the European Theater of Operation; later he was made Chief of Staff, Service of Supply, and promoted to the rank of Brigadier General. From November, 1942, to February, 1943, he was Deputy Chief of Staff, ETO, then went to North Africa as Deputy Theater Commander, North African Theater of Operations, United States Army. Here he became a Major General.

General Hughes returned to England in February, 1944, as Special Assistant to General Eisenhower. He continued with this specialized assignment until he was appointed Inspector General, United States Forces, European Theater, in September, 1945.

He returned to the United States in February of this year to assume the duties of Acting Chief of Ordnance. His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Tunisian Order (Nichau Iftikar), Russian Medal, French Legion of Honor, and the Belgian Order of the Crown.

HISTORY OF ORDNANCE



From the dawn of the United States' history it has been the duty of Ordnance, under whatsoever name it operated, to provide the fighting tools with which all of our nation's wars have been waged.

When, in 1775, Gen. George Washington assumed command of the Army besieging Boston, inquiry disclosed the alarming fact that but 32 barrels of cannon powder were available for the Army's few guns. This and similar shortages in Ordnance supplies spurred the Continental Congress to appoint, in May of that year, a committee to consider ways and means of supplying arms and ammunition. For more than 30 years thereafter the functions of military supply were the responsibility of various bureaus and offices, both civil and military.

The Ordnance Department was established by Act of Congress on May 14, 1812. It consisted of but 14 officers. On February 8, 1815, a reorganization vested in Ordnance the supervision of all arsenals, magazines, and armories, and increased the number of officers to 44, headed by a colonel.

In 1821, in an effort to economize and to simplify the administration of the Army, Congress, despite strong objection, merged the Ordnance Department with the Artillery. Eleven years of trial of this experiment demonstrated its failure. By the Act of April 5, 1832, Congress restored the Ordnance Department to its separate and independent status.

The authorized strength of Ordnance in 1821 consisted of four artillery captains permanently assigned to Ordnance duties, assisted by about 15 lieutenants temporarily assigned, and 56 enlisted men. By the advent of the Mexican War in 1846, the officers' corps of the department had attained a strength of 36, and this was maintained until 1861.

Through successive increases during the Civil War, officer strength rose to 64. There were 600 enlisted men and about 9,000 civilian workmen.

The growth of Ordnance from the Civil War to the World War was slow, too slow as events soon demonstrated: the Ordnance Department had, when war was declared on April 6, 1917,

but 97 officers and an officers' reserve corps of 126. At the close of the First World War, there were 5,954 Ordnance officers and 61,000 enlisted men. In manufacturing facilities, too, Ordnance was woefully short. In 1914 there were, besides the six manufacturing arsenals of the Ordnance Department, only two large private plants that knew anything about the production of heavy weapons. From 1914 to 1917, some 20 firms were turning out important ordnance items for the Allies. Yet at the signing of the armistice, nearly 8,000 manufacturing plants were producing ordnance for the Army.

Perhaps the greatest lesson of World War I was that America could organize, train, and transport troops faster than they could be armed and equipped. It was evident that this lesson would be more vital as armament increased in complexity and in power.

The Ordnance Department proceeded, immediately following the armistice, to create an Industry-Ordnance Team which would offer some reasonable assurance to the country that industry in the next emergency would be measured and fitted to the Ordnance effort and aware of its part in that task. This was accom-

plished primarily through the system of decentralized Ordnance Districts. It was largely as the result of this planned decentralization that the Ordnance Department approached the present war with an operating liaison with American industry immensely superior to that of 1917.

In 1940, the Ordnance Department had an authorized strength of 420 officers and 4,500 enlisted men. By successive increases this was raised to a peak of over 25,000 officers and nearly 350,000, and Ordnance contractors employed more than 350,000 men.

The training, military as well as technical, of nearly half a million soldiers for service in arsenals, proving grounds, and depots in this country, and for maintenance troops throughout the world, was another prime responsibility of the Department. Never before were Ordnance soldiers so frequently called upon to man the weapons they repair and maintain and to engage in front line fighting. Reports from widespread fronts gave evidence of how well that training served them and the nation.

The Ordnance Department may well be proud of its place in America's military history and proud of the almost incredible accomplishments of the years of World War II.



GREETINGS FROM GENERAL QUINTON



I have always felt that Aberdeen Proving Ground is the finest Ordnance installation in the Army and the finest post of any in the United States. It was, therefore, with the greatest of personal pleasure that I took over command in February. To me it has made a wish become a reality after many years of service and contact with the Proving Ground.

I wish to take this opportunity, afforded me by the publication of this pictorial record of Aberdeen Proving Ground activities and personnel, to convey to the members of Aberdeen's operating personnel, military and civilian, thanks for their cooperation and a job well done, and to urge them to still greater heights of accomplishment.

To those whom Aberdeen has trained for the Ordnance jobs of the future, I offer congratulations on the completion of your training—training which will prove invaluable as a basis for solving the complex problems of Ordnance research, supply, and maintenance.

Ahead of all Ordnance men lies the work of tomorrow to provide the supplies, the research, the development, and the men who will keep the road open to peace.



A. B. QUINTON, JR.

BRIGADIER GENERAL

Commanding General, Aberdeen Proving Ground

General Alfred B. Quinton, Jr., was born in Kansas, August 17, 1890. Following graduation as a civil engineer from Cornell University in 1912, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Coast Artillery.

With the rank of first lieutenant he was detailed to Ordnance in September, 1916, and transferred permanently to the Ordnance Department in July 1920. He was given the permanent rank of major at the same time, having been honorably discharged from his temporary rank of lieutenant colonel in March, 1920. On August 1, 1935, he again was made a lieutenant colonel; in June, 1942, a permanent colonel. The General received his present temporary rank in October, 1942.

During much of his military career, Gen. Quinton has pursued his scholastic research. He was graduated from the Ordnance School of Application in 1917, earned his master's degree in Mechanical Engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology

in 1921, and a master's in Business Administration at Harvard in 1930. He was graduated from the Army Industrial College in 1933.

From 1942 until early this year, as Chief of the Detroit Ordnance District, largest of the nation's 13 districts, Gen. Quinton had overall supervision of 35 percent of the Army's entire Ordnance business.

For Gen. Quinton, his assignment as commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground fulfills a dream of more than two decades ago when he first served at the Proving Ground. From 1924 to 1928, with the rank of major, he was in charge of automotive testing and designing at APG.

Gen. Quinton is a holder of the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Purple Heart, the Etoile Noire of the French Legion of Honor, and numerous service and campaign ribbons of both world wars.

CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY

1917—First World War revealed Sandy Hook Proving Ground in New Jersey was not large enough for Ordnance testing. Search for new site began October 20. Ordnance Department of the Army took formal possession of the Aberdeen site with Col. C. L. H. Ruggles commanding.

1918—January 2nd—First gun fired at Aberdeen during blinding snow storm. A woman fired the first shot. Aberdeen Chronograph invented. Sandy Hook Proving Ground closed, with personnel and equipment transferred to Aberdeen. Col. W. A. Phillips succeeded Col. Ruggles.

1919—Site officially named the Aberdeen Proving Ground. Lt. Col. H. W. Schull succeeded Col. Phillips. Aberdeen had 3,600 civilian workers.

1920—Sites and rights of way for range towers outside the reservation obtained. Fire destroyed five buildings.

1921—Two-ton blockbusters, .50 caliber guns, flashless powder, and submarine tanks tested and demonstrated at Aberdeen.

1922—Heavy 16-inch gun, called "largest in the world" tested at Aberdeen. Col. W. H. Tschappat succeeded Col. Schull. Giant army dirigible, C-2, arrived at Proving Ground for bomb tests. Camera Obscura installed on Bush River.

1923—More than 11,000 bombs tested at Aberdeen during the year. Fourteen-inch railroad gun, said to be largest ever mounted, tested at Aberdeen.

1924—Parachute jumps by troops demonstrated at Aberdeen. Damage of \$30,000 caused by wind-storm.

1925—First Ordnance Reserve Officer's Training Camp held at Aberdeen. Continued for seven years. Soldiers detailed to "shoo" wild ducks from firing ranges. Lt. Col. C. M. Wesson succeeded Col. Tschappat.

1926—Use of ground and air smoke screens demonstrated at Aberdeen. Total employees—329 persons.

1927—Foreign and American historical museum formally set up at Aberdeen. 105-mm. gun developments shown. "Biggest war show since the World War" staged for Army Ordnance Association meeting.

1928—National Match ammunition tests held at Aberdeen. Two thousand-mile test of new light tank started at Aberdeen.

1929—National, International and Palma matches of small arms ammunition held at Aberdeen. Six-ton tanks demonstrated. Col. E. M. Schinkle succeeded Col. Wesson. Tests of semi-automatic rifles conducted. Fifteen thousand persons attended Army Ordnance Show at Aberdeen.

1930—A newly developed 37-mm. mobile gun fired for the first time at a special demonstration held at Aberdeen. New medium fast tanks demonstrated.

- 1931—Developments in mobile artillery and automotive equipment shown. APG plane spotted 15,000-gallon illegal still on the reservation. Soldiers deployed to capture it.
- 1932—Ordnance School transferred from Watertown Arsenal to Aberdeen. Obsolete gun park of the Museum repaired.
- 1933—Auto test facilities extended with addition of a water tank, mud course, circular cobblestone course, washboard and new loop.
- 1934—Combat car designed at Aberdeen given proof tests and later adopted as standard combat car for cavalry. Col. Wesson took command at Aberdeen for second time.
- 1935—Automotive Laboratory completed and track tester installed. CCC Camp established at Aberdeen. Improvements in 155-mm. demonstrated. Permanent barracks for 44th Ordnance Company, now Detachment "K", PGT, completed.
- 1936—Telephone installations made to AA Ranges; radio phone system for safety control of firing installed.
- 1937—Aberdeen made the base for Martin bombers during the Atlantic Coast maneuvers.
- 1938—Ordnance School administration building and barracks completed. Col. G. G. Mettler succeeded Col. Wesson, who became Chief of Ordnance.
- 1939—Ballistics Laboratory plans approved. Brig. Gen. J. B. Rose succeeded Col. Mettler. First 75-mm. aircraft cannon fired from B-18.
- 1940—Additional 940 acres purchased for Training Center. Construction of present Ordnance School area began.
- 1941—Additional 4,780 acres acquired for training area. Eight thousand workers rushed buildings for first arrivals to Ordnance Replacement Training Center (now OTC). Brig. Gen. R. W. Case succeeded Gen. Rose.
- 1942—Many specialist courses inaugurated in ORTC; more land purchased for training expansion. Scores of new buildings erected within Industrial Area. Maj. Gen. Charles T. Harris, Jr., succeeded Gen. Case. Aberdeen wins its first "E" Award. Bomb Disposal School activated. WACs arrive at Aberdeen. Spesutie Island leased.
- 1943—Churchville Automotive Test Area put into operation. Aberdeen breaks all-time records for shipment of war equipment and wins the Army-Navy "E" for second, and third time. Tests made on VT Fuze Rocket Division set up on Spesutie Island and Gunpowder Neck. New Phillips Air Field opened.
- 1944—Aberdeen wins Army and Navy "E" Award for the fourth time and goes over the top on its War Loan Conservation and Ideas for Victory Drives.
- 1945—Supersonic Wind Tunnels completed and opened. Recoilless rifle standardized here at Aberdeen. Spesutie Island purchased.
- 1946—Brig. Gen. Alfred B. Quinton, Jr., succeeds Maj. Gen. Charles T. Harris, Jr.

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND

BRIGADIER GENERAL A. B. QUINTON, JR., Commanding General

A CITY BESIDE A TOWN

The Aberdeen Proving Ground, located in Harford County, Maryland, is the world's largest and busiest proving ground for the testing of arms, ammunition, tanks, combat vehicles and motor transportation for the American Army. The Proving Ground site, acquired in World War No. 1, when the previous Ordnance testing station at Sandy Hook, New Jersey, was found inadequate, is located on the fringe of the Chesapeake Bay in an area that was once the very heart of the famous "shoe peg" corn industry. The steady growth through the years since World War No. 1 was stimulated after Pearl Harbor. The Proving Ground has grown both physically and in activity until now it employs thousands of civilians in research, development and proof of Ordnance materiel, and trains thousand upon thousands of Ordnance soldiers for Ordnance maintenance and supply work in the field.

Aberdeen Proving Ground is a self-contained city located in an area approximately six miles wide and eighteen miles long, and is quite able to stand on its own as any city of similar size.

In addition to the many areas used for research work and for training purposes, it has its own water supply, sewers, lighting system, police and fire departments, and utility forces; also theatres, stores, restaurants, chapels, tailor, barber shops, a weekly newspaper, and a railroad system capable of transporting 300,000 persons monthly. It has telephone and telegraph facilities, as well as federal and private housing adjacent to the reservation.

Since that eventful day of December 7, 1941, Aberdeen has suffered great growing pains. Its huge training area, with the enlarged Ordnance School and Ordnance Training Center has been created. Thousands of men have been trained and sent to join our forces in all parts of the world. These men have become the mechanical doctors who bandage up the wounds of America's mechanical slugging power—the same equipment which was first tested at their station at Aberdeen. It truly is the world's greatest proving ground—where the shots are fired that are heard 'round the world.

For its record in the World War No. 2, Aberdeen Proving Ground has five times been awarded the Army-Navy Production "E" for excellence in Production, and the Post proudly flies the Army-Navy "E" flag with its four white stars.

At the Ordnance Training Center commanded by Col. H. J. Lawes, men are given the Army's basic military training which is divided into several branches. This is followed by field training where the Ordnance technician learns to apply his knowledge.

The Ordnance School, of which Col. C. Wingate Reed is Commandant, is the Army's college of Ordnance where officers and enlisted students are given advanced training, such as fire control, automotive, ammunition, small arms, and artillery. Students in these subjects have come from all the Allied Nations.

Aberdeen's function as an acceptance proving ground is maintained by the Proof and Development Services under the direction of Col. Ward E. Becker. From the firing ranges of seacoast and railway artillery to the small arms ranges, all types of weapons and charges undergo test. Also under the unit is the Munson Test Area and the Churchville Automotive Test Area where the world's worst roads are located. A special subsidiary branch maintains the Foreign Materiel museum where all types of enemy Ordnance are assembled.

The Ballistic Research Laboratories, with Colonel Leslie E. Simon as Director, make fundamental studies of the phenomena associated with weapons, leading to an increased knowledge of ballistic science and providing valid bases for the design of new weapons. Experimental work is done in such fields as spark photography of high-speed projectiles in flight, flash X-ray of detonation phenomena, and kinematic analyses of guns and mechanisms. The laboratories provide cam data for sights and directors, examine and originate sampling techniques, develop methods for the surveillance of ammunition, and give technical advice on ballistics and ordnance engineering. Their Supersonic Wind Tunnels and field crews are today the only ones producing a substantial volume of usable scientific data and completely measured trajectories which are necessary to the research and development of guided missiles, improved bombs, and similar modern weapons.

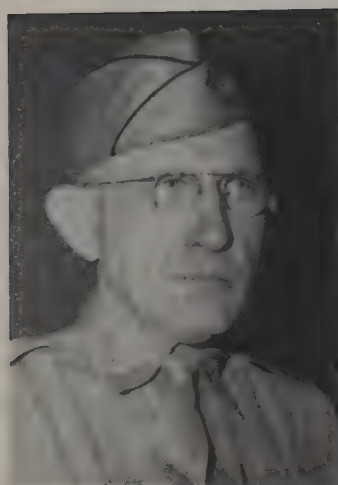
Aberdeen Ordnance Depot is under the immediate command of Colonel C. Elford Smith. It is a master depot which receives, stores, assembles or boxes major items of automatic weapons, artillery, and fire control equipment. Besides issuing to domestic areas, the Depot ships materiel overseas. The main mission of the Depot at the present time is to receive, unpack, inspect, preserve, and prepare for storage artillery materiel back from the war zone. It also receives and stores captured and confiscated enemy small arms, fire control, and artillery materiel which are distributed to various war department agencies for technical study. It stores and distributes obsolete American and enemy materiel for trophy purposes. The Depot is currently experimenting with storage in sealed containers, commonly known as the "canning method." It also provides standby and long term storage for major items of seacoast, railway, and mobile artillery.

The Ordnance Department Board, with Colonel Harry N. Rising as president, operates under Military Plans and Training Service, Office Chief of Ordnance, Washington; it studies and makes recommendations on problems affecting Ordnance field service doctrine, equipment and organization of Ordnance troops, and other matters which may require examination for improvement of the services rendered by the Ordnance Department.

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND HEADQUARTERS



E. STANTON PALMER
Lieutenant Colonel
Executive Officer



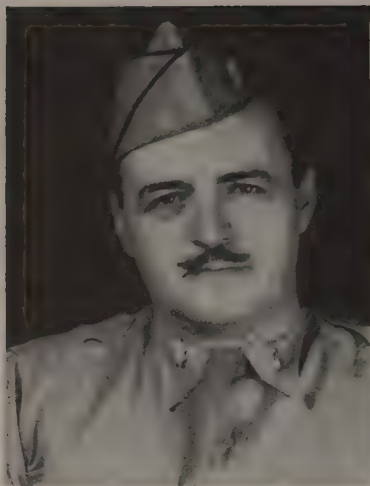
CLARENCE C. HARVEY
Colonel
Post Surgeon



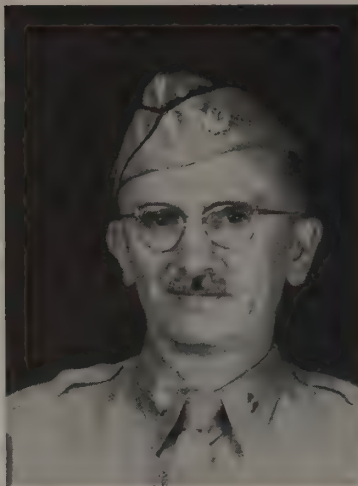
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Lieutenant Colonel
Fiscal Director



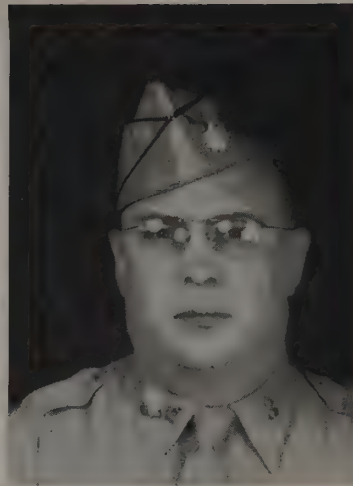
CARL E. HEIMBRODT
Lieutenant Colonel
Post Engineer



THOMAS M. O'NEIL
Lieutenant Colonel
Director of Supply



ALBERT G. PETER
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer, Proving Ground
Troops



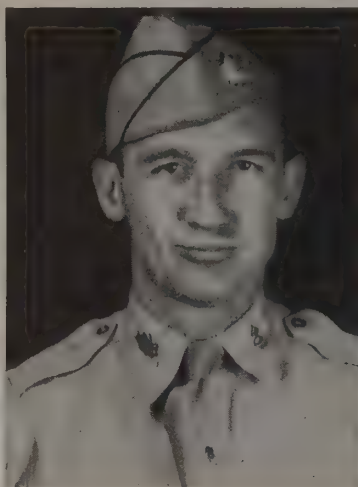
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Lieutenant Colonel
Control Officer



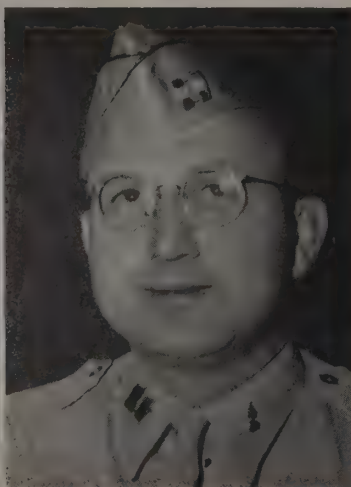
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Major
Staff Judge Advocate



HADLEY JENKINS
Major
Post Inspector



CHARLES H. MARSHALL
Major
Chief, Military Personnel



RAYMOND L. BIRKHOLZ
Captain
Adjutant



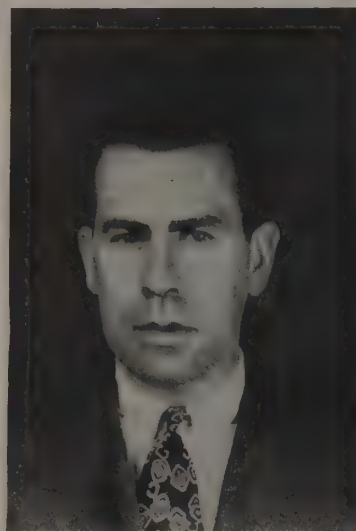
BERL ROBBINS
Captain
Intelligence Officer



LLOYD C. CLARK
Second Lieutenant
Public Relations Officer



MILTON O. HOWLE
Safety Director



J. S. BAKER MIDDLETON
Chief, Civilian Personnel Division



Aberdeen Proving Ground Headquarters. (The Large Flag Indicates A Visiting General)

Service Club



Main Gate to the A. P. G. Area





Central Chapel



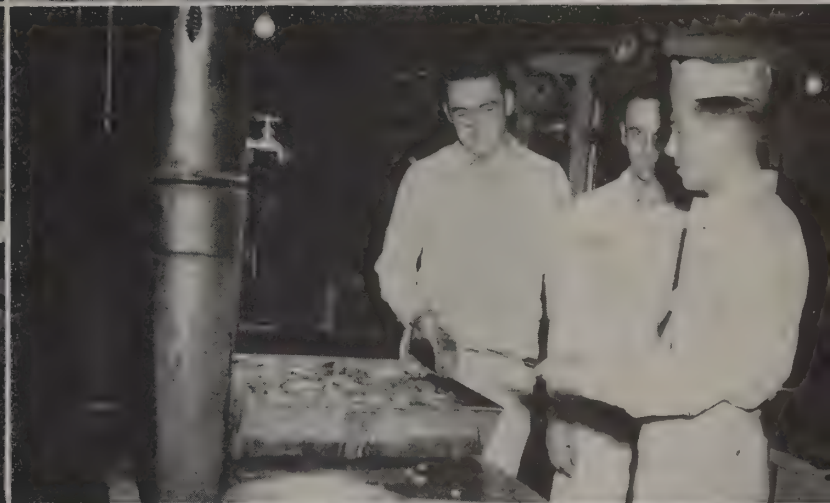
Quartermaster GIs
unload a boxcar.



Writing a letter in
the barracks.



Top: West Point's Graduating Class. Top, Center: Maj. Gen. E. S. Hughes and Brig. Gen. A. B. Quinton, Jr., at a Weapon-Firing Demonstration Held for the Visiting Cadets. Bottom, Center: Tanks Fire in the Demonstration for the Cadets. Bottom: Night Firing Demonstration for the West Point Graduating Class.



Top: Quartermaster GIs Storing Onions. Top, Center: Quartermaster Storing Dry Meat. Bottom, Center: Mess Line. Bottom: 1340 SCU First Sergeant and Company Clerk.

Top: Quartermaster GIs Storing Beds. Top, Center: 1340 SCU Mess Hall. Bottom, Center: Mess Sergeant Checking Cooks. Bottom: Checking Clothes at Supply.



Soda Fountain at the Aberdeen USO



Dancing at the Aberdeen USO



Looking at Chesapeake Bay from the Palisade Club



Fishing from the Shore at the Palisade Club



324th Ordnance Training Center Band at the Aberdeen USO



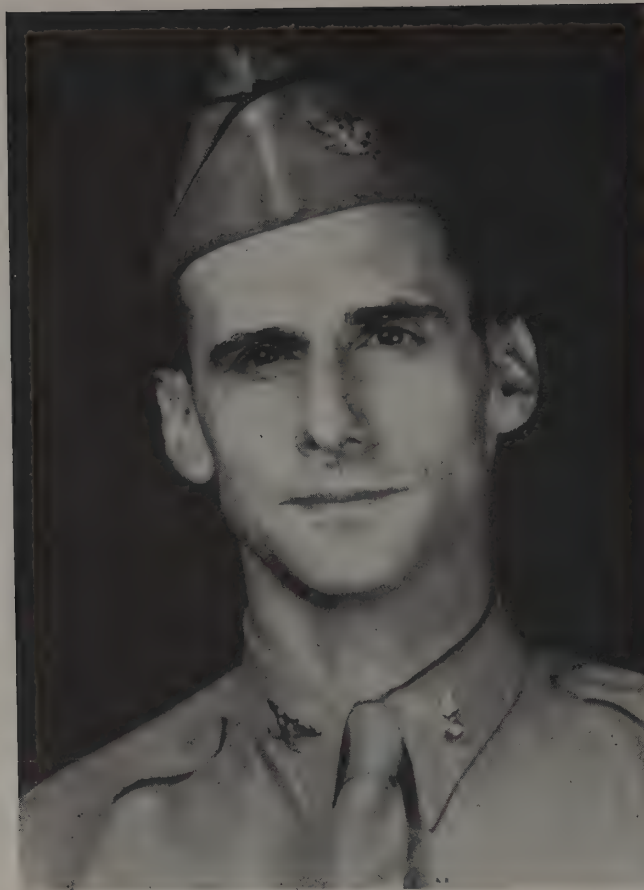
Red Cross Field Office



HERBERT J. LAWES

COLONEL

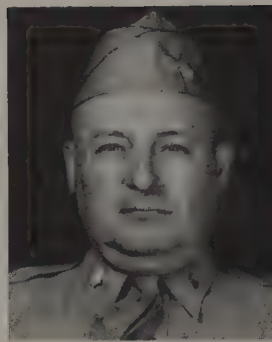
Commanding Officer
Ordnance Training Center



ORVILLE N. STOKES
Colonel
Director of Training



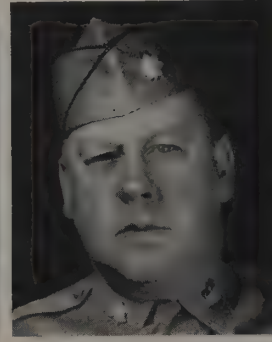
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Executive Officer



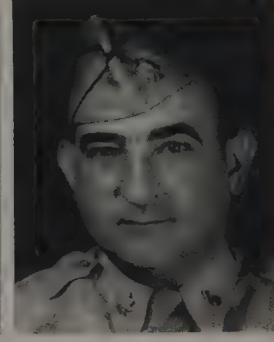
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Lieutenant Colonel
Director of Supply Division



ROBERT J. BERG
Major
Supply Officer



EDWARD L. BOLAND
Major
Adjutant



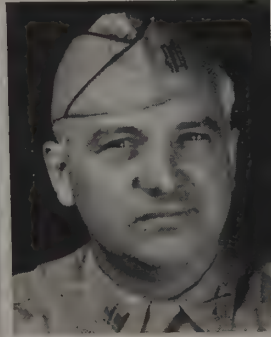
ABRAHAM JACOBSON
Major
Motor Transport Officer



RALPH G. La BROAD
Major
Inspector



WILLIAM LEE WALLER
Major
Director of Personnel



ROBERT E. BIENEMAN
Captain
Personnel Division



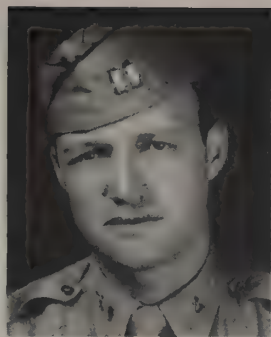
FRANK BLAZER
Captain
Intelligence Officer



HERMAN C. HINTON
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Training Division



SALVATORE A. PELLE
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Public Relations Officer



PURDY PHILLIPS
Captain
Supply Division



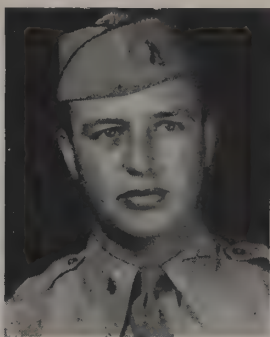
ROBERT DEANE WORTHEN
Captain
Personnel Division



JAMES I. ANDERSEN
First Lieutenant
Inspection Branch



GORDON F. CLYDE
First Lieutenant
Range Officer



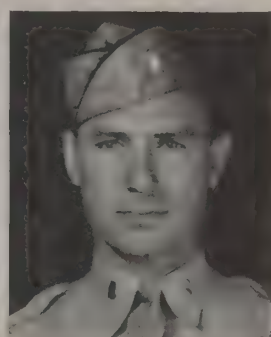
DELL R. DAVID
First Lieutenant
Control Branch



LOUIS COLLIER ESTES
First Lieutenant
Assistant Legal Officer



CECIL E. FOLKS
First Lieutenant
Training Division



EUGENE O. GLASS
First Lieutenant
Facilities Section



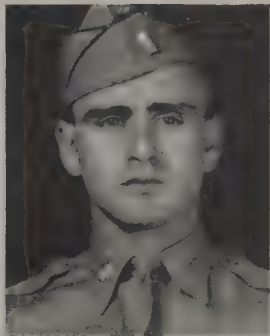
FRANK E. HOLT
First Lieutenant
Subsistence Officer



ROBERT PRESCOTT MERCHANT
First Lieutenant
Assistant Motor Transport Officer



HAROLD F. MINNEY
First Lieutenant
Training Division



JEREMIAH W. MOHER
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Personnel Division



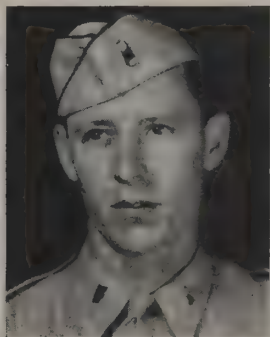
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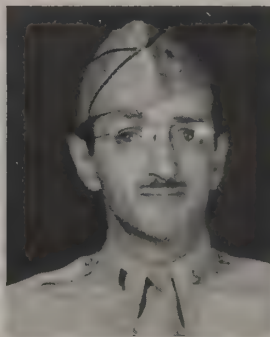
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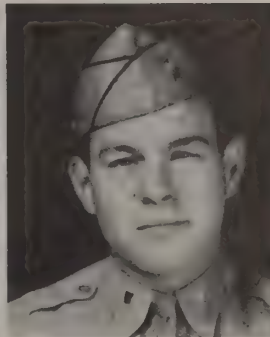
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LESTER C. THOMAS
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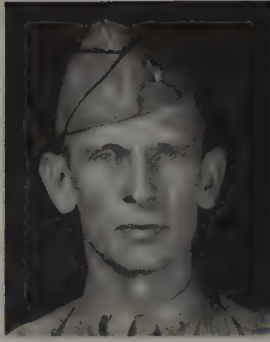
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First Lieutenant
Athletics and Recreation
Section



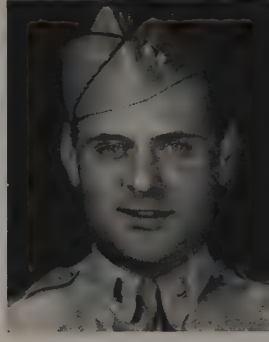
ALBERT R. TUCKER
First Lieutenant
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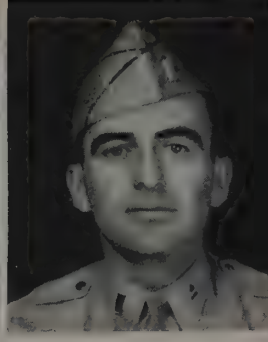
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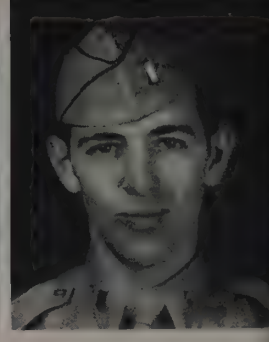
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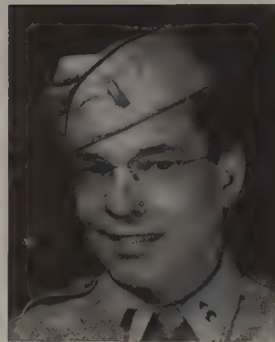
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Assistant Director
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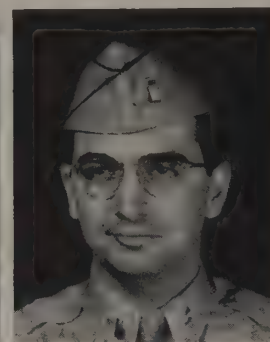
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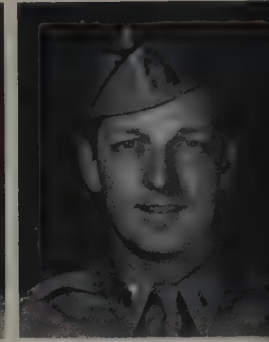
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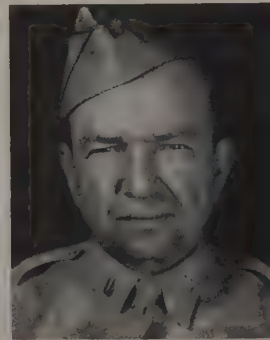
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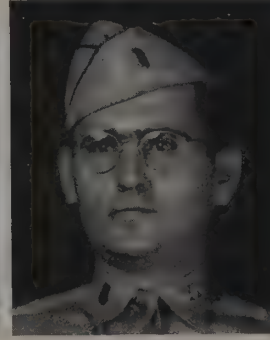
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Chief Warrant Officer
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Warrant Officer (Junior Grade)
Assistant Supply Officer

THE STORY BEHIND ORDNANCE TRAINING CENTER

It is clearly the lesson of history that the more complicated the techniques of war the more intensive must be the training.

When the Third Army broke loose in Normandy to chase the Nazis under Von Rundstedt back across the Rhine, they found along the route great quantities of abandoned equipment—some tanks and guns in perfect condition, and gasoline for the tanks and ammunition for the guns. The physical materiel of a large force was there, but it was useless to the Nazis. There were no men left to operate it.

It has been truly stated that men cannot fight without weapons, but it is equally true that weapons cannot fight without men. An Army is men. Not just any men at all—for a crowd of men may be only a mob—but trained and equipped men, with leaders. Behind the leaders the men must have all sorts of special skills and abilities. Mechanical ability in particular is needed in an age of mechanization. Ability to drive trucks and keep them rolling, and handle efficiently the infinity of technical tasks that are the inevitable corollary of modern warfare.

No amount of materiel or native courage could have achieved the success won by our troops in World War II without thorough training. Individual and team instruction gave our men not only the knowledge of how to perform the multitude of tasks incident to combat, but also the confidence to carry them out amidst the confusion and hazards of battle. The efficiency of our field forces was solidly founded on training doctrine learned in classroom, shop, and bivouac area. Throughout the past five years the training technique has been in process of being perfected.

The Ordnance Training Center is the product of evolution which began back in 1940, when our peacetime army began its expansion. It was officially established on 1 January 1941 by Ordnance Department Order No. 151, signed by Major General C. M. Wesson, then Chief of Ordnance. Its first Commander was Brig. Gen. Bethel W. Simpson, and it has since been commanded by Brig. Gen.

Donald Armstrong, Col. G. W. Outland, and Col. Herbert J. Lawes, the present Commander who assumed command in September, 1944.

The past five years have witnessed many changes in the structure, organization, and personnel of the OTC, which formerly carried the names Ordnance Replacement Training Center and Army Service Forces Training Center (Ordnance). But through it all the basic mission has remained the same—to train Ordnance replacements to take their places with Ordnance units throughout the Army. This mission, with a technical service such as Ordnance, necessitates a highly specialized military organization. The Ordnance man who has learned to be a first class soldier has only begun his military education. He must then be specially trained in an Ordnance job.

At present the formal schooling of the Ordnance soldier starts with the basic military training program of eight weeks. Based upon his aptitudes and background he then may be selected for technical training in an Ordnance specialty.

The measure of the quality of training Ordnance soldiers receive is to be found in the performance of Ordnance units in the field. The spirit of the leaders in the Training Center permeates the Department, and is, in some degree, reflected in the attitude of every Ordnance soldier. The full realization of this imposes a grave responsibility on every member of the staff and trainer personnel of the OTC, which exists for the sole purpose of starting the soldier on his army career in the best possible manner and giving him the greatest possible amount of military knowledge in the limited time available.

Now in its sixth year of continuous operation, the performance of the OTC itself can be appraised. In peace and war it has received, housed, fed, trained, classified, and assigned over 200,000 men. The task continues without abatement, and Ordnance soldiers still flow from the OTC as replacements for other Ordnance men all over the

world. Indeed, it was not until exactly one year after V-E Day that the Center hit its all-time high. On 8 May 1946 reports showed 21,162 men in training. Demobilization has rendered the need for replacements even more acute, and the rate of turnover since V-E Day has exceeded all previous figures. Training, however, has proceeded with no diminished efficiency even though cadre and instructor personnel, both officer and enlisted, have been decimated by the rapid demobilization schedules and overseas shipments among the "Old Guard."

Some of the highlights of the training program, the recreational aspects, sports activities, and special events which are part of the every day life of the Ordnance Training Center are presented here to give the reader an overall picture of its many features.

BASIC TRAINING

On 29 January 1946, Basic Military Training was increased from six weeks to an eight week program. In addition to the courses in such subjects as rifle marksmanship, chemical warfare, dismounted drill, camouflage, interior guard, military courtesy, military sanitation, and first aid, new and revised courses were added to include Basic Signal Communications and new field tactics. Many hours of the training cycle are spent in physical conditioning exercises and marches to toughen the soldier. After many weeks of practice the trainee is given an opportunity to fire many weapons, including the M-1 Rifle, the Carbine, and the M-3 Sub-Machine Gun, and to watch and learn from demonstration firings of other weapons such as the Bazooka and many others.

In the last phase of the Basic Military Training the trainee puts into actual practice the things he has learned, watched, and done. This is accomplished by spending one week out in "the field." A. P. Hill Military Reservation in Virginia provides the terrain and equipment for this practical aspect of Basic. Here the men rough it—live in pup-tents—perform tactical problems—travel by compass and map over areas they have never seen before—march at night—learn to live in the field—and generally go through what the

average soldier would face (with the exception of actual battle) if in combat. This learning by doing phase rounds out and completes the Basic Training.

CADRE TRAINING

At the end of an eight week's training cycle, basic trainees who have demonstrated an ability to understand and obey commands and to perform them in an unusually smart military manner, and who manifest unmistakable signs of initiative and leadership ability, are eligible to apply for entrance into the Leadership Training School, Company "D" of the 1st Regiment. In addition the applicants must have an AGCT (Army I. Q.) score of 100 or better and be recommended by their company commanders.

The leadership course lasts five weeks. The first four being devoted to a rigorous leadership training program, and the last week spent in teaching the prospective cadre-men to operate various vehicles. At the completion of the course, the well trained, well disciplined trainees are ready to assume the important duties of non-commissioned officers in the basic companies of the training center. They will not soon forget the Latin motto under whose inspiration they drilled day after day: Ductus Semper Dominat—Leadership always dominates.

Company "D" is divided into three phases of activity: Leadership Training course described above; Cadre Refresher course, organized for the purpose of presenting cadre-men with the latest training methods and devices; and the Pre-OCS Course, the only one of its type in the United States. All trainees or veterans desiring entrance into OCS must first undergo the five-weeks Pre-OCS course regardless of the branch of the army they ultimately desire to join.

Company "D" is the only company authorized by the War Dept. to wear the "Red Ball," a symbol worn on the prospective cadre-man's hat indicating he is a member of this select organization.

PROCESSING AND ASSIGNMENT

Special attention is given to the reception, training, and utilization of overseas personnel, personnel who have com-

pleted training and are awaiting assignment, and personnel from the continental US awaiting reassignment. Orientation regarding such subjects as separation from the service, the revised mission, functions of the Ordnance Department, and additional training needed are only a few of the topics covered. The previous training and experience of each individual are examined and carefully evaluated by the Personnel Division.

After the completion of processing, various assignments are made. Overseas returnees are given assignments in the continental US, and others are given additional or new training to prepare them for their new assignments.

Finally, Classification and Assignment assigns these men to military, technical, or administrative jobs on the basis of requests received from various organizations on and off the post. These assignments take into consideration the man's past experience, his new training, and, where possible, the man's preference.

SPECIAL VEHICLES OPERATORS' BRANCH

As the Army constantly needs skilled operators for its trucks, jeeps, such special vehicles as the Dukw and Weasel, land and water vehicles, others like the 4-ton and 10-ton Wreckers, and vehicles capable of carrying 30 to 40-ton tanks, the Special Vehicles Operators' Branch was organized to instruct enlisted men in their operation and varied uses. At the successful completion of the driving course a license to operate the vehicle is issued. The bulk of the men receiving the instruction are trainees fresh from basic military training companies and potential non-commissioned officers from the Leadership Training School.

MOTOR TRANSPORT BRANCH

As of June 30, 1946, the Motor Transport Branch, commonly referred to as the Motor Pool, was assigned a total number of 464 vehicles, including 2 1/2-ton trucks, 1/4 and 3/4-ton trucks, 1/4-ton trailers, buses, carriers, half tracks, water tanks, sedans, and other specialized vehicles.

The maintenance section of this Branch performs repairs on all vehicles, while the operations section performs such work as dispatching, administration, and handling of minor maintenance on vehicles. In addition, there is a section of

duty drivers comprised of competent, experienced enlisted men who are always available on authorized requests for all driving activities.

Responsibility for convoy operations, in this case the transporting of troops by truck from the OTC at Aberdeen to A P Hill Military Reservation in Virginia and back again, is one of the newest activities of the Motor Transport Branch. Some of these convoys have exceeded 100 vehicles and to date (since taking over convoy operation in March, 1946) the Branch is proud of its no-accident record.

324TH O. T. C. BAND

The 324th OTC Band was activated on April 21, 1941, a few months after the inauguration of the Ordnance Training Center itself. At that time it was simply known as the O.R.T.C. Band. During its five years of existence, the band has met with considerable popularity and earned a reputation for outstanding musicianship. Presently its activities consist of providing military music for the various parades and ceremonies that are part of the military life at Aberdeen. Also included in their work is playing at the Service Club and at off-post special activities, such as the Fourth of July Celebration at Philadelphia, where they played to an estimated 700,000 people.

CONSULTATION SERVICE

Consultation Service activities, including those of the Attitude Conditioning Center and Mental Hygiene Clinic were studied with interest by visiting Brazilian Officers, the National Headquarters of the American Red Cross, Headquarters ASF Officers, and others, during the first half of 1946. The types of cases referred to Consultation Service include: those who are intellectually inadequate, psychosomatics, those who present disciplinary problems, enlisted men who are emotionally unstable or who have a physical disability. They are referred to Consultation Service from all the various phases of training, but the overwhelming majority of the cases come from the Military Training phase. The highest percentage of the cases are returned to full duty after being processed by the Consultation Service.

TRAINING AIDS

During the first part of 1946, the Training Aids Branch filled numerous orders for new charts. Their job is to

present in easy picture form the things the men of the Basic Military Companies must learn. Much of the work was duplication of charts already in existence, and were reproduced by the silk screening process at the Chart Plant. These included charts on rank and insignia of grade, correct uniform wear, infantry training of basic troops, and charts on the organization of the army. In addition, innumerable posters on dress, conduct, etc., were completed and photographs were taken for the A.P.G. Public Relations Office by the Training Aids Branch. In addition, approximately 1100 showings of training films were shown each month with an average monthly attendance of 160,000.

ATHLETICS AND RECREATION

The athletic and recreation programs on the Post are actively engaged in by both EM and Officers. The OTC Bowling Alleys were open every day during the first quarter of 1946, and the season was officially closed in May with a Championship Match to determine the Champion of the Training Center.

Four softball fields were constructed for use by all personnel of the Training Center. An EM's softball league was initiated the first week in May and was composed of teams representing six battalions. At the end of the series a trophy will be presented to the winning team. Sufficient softball equipment for two teams is supplied at the golf club house for use on the neighboring ball fields.

The OTC nine hole golf course was opened for play in the first week of May. All greens were repaired and the cups relocated just before the opening. The Branch has on hand 58 sets of new golf clubs, 6 sets of which are for lefthanders.

In addition to the above mentioned sports activities, skating, tennis, basketball, badminton, and horseshoes are prominent on the athletic agenda.

Aberdeen Proving Ground boasts six motion picture houses which exhibit the latest releases from Hollywood; and the bills are changed frequently enough to satisfy the most avid movie fan.

There is an organization on the Post sponsored by Special Services known as the Music Box that offers an impressive schedule of entertainments for interested GI's. Lovers of classical music, fans of modern dancing, admirers of fencing,

devotees of playreading, and students of French may gather for mutual enjoyment.

The Hobby Shop's many fine facilities are available not only to the enlisted men attending classes there in Silk-Screening, Stage-Setting, Photography, Ceramics, Machine Tools, etc., but also to those who wish to tinker around by themselves.

The Post's two service clubs present a special recreational activity for every night in the week. Such entertainment as dances, variety shows, round-table discussions, bingo and other games attract the interest of OTC personnel.

LIBRARY AND BOOK SHOP

The Post operates four libraries completely stocked in the latest fictional and non-fictional literature, books, magazines, and newspapers, and a book shop that maintains a high level of reading material and continues to stock books on military as well as other subjects to meet the desire of Training Center Troops.

NEWS AND VIEWS

The Information and Education Branch continues to perform its mission of promoting a better understanding among the troops of the causes and events of the war and of the United States' objectives and commitments in the post-war world. The branch maintains an alert, informed staff ever ready to answer the enlisted man's questions on his future plans for education and employment.

The Post newspaper, THE FLAMING BOMB, is published once a week and is distributed on Thursdays. It is published by and for the enlisted men of the Post and carries a complete account of events here at Aberdeen as well as important world news. A related activity sponsored by THE FLAMING BOMB is a daily noon broadcast of the latest world news over an elaborate public address system.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

In this brief space many of the activities and sections of the Ordnance Training Center must go unmentioned; but still they contribute to the well-rounded picture that makes up one of the finest training centers in the Army.

Not mentioned above are the Chaplains Branch, Post Exchanges, Supply Divisions, Training Divisions, and many others including the various Regiments, Battalions, and Companies that are the main sub-divisions of the OTC.



BOMB DISPLAY

ORDNANCE TRAINING CENTER

Headquarters Building



OTC Sign



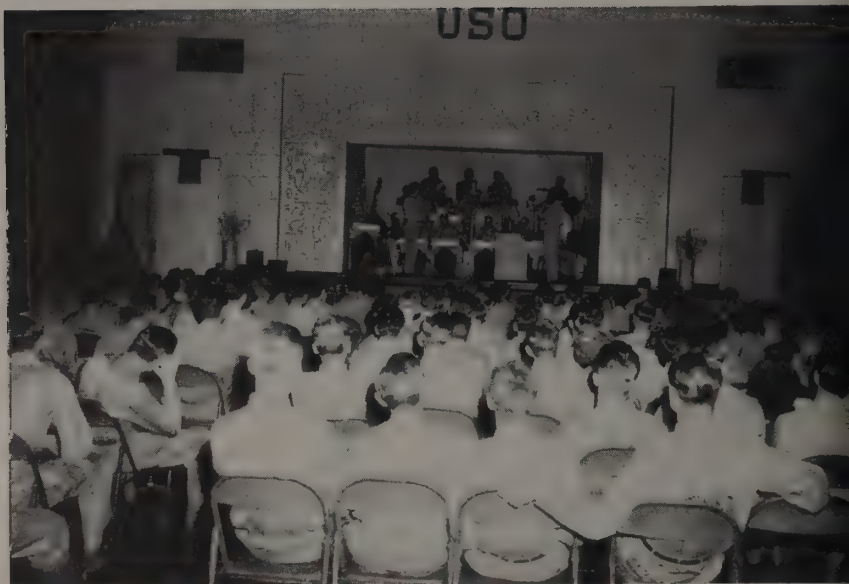
SEEN AROUND OTC



Terrain model—mythical theater of operations



An OTC man demonstrates a properly made and slung field pack



324th OTC Band gives USO show

Morning Report Section



Technical Training Division





FIRST SERGEANT FRANCISCO
Headquarters Detachment, OTC



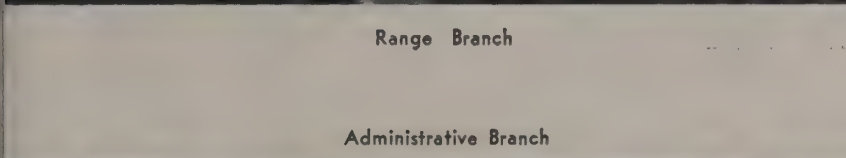
CAPTAIN CLAY GEARHEART
Commanding Officer, Headquarters Detachment



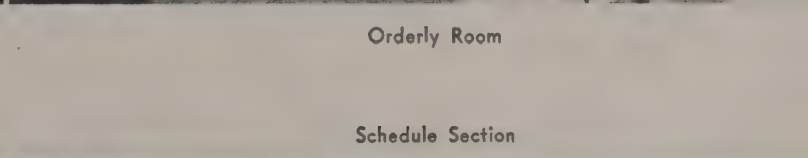
Range Branch



Orderly Room



Administrative Branch



Schedule Section





Top: Major J. A. Jacobson, Motor Transport Officer, and First Lieutenant J. D. Fansler, Executive Officer, Motor Pool.
Above: 1st Lt. L. Kernell, Convoy Commander, with the Motor Pool Staff.

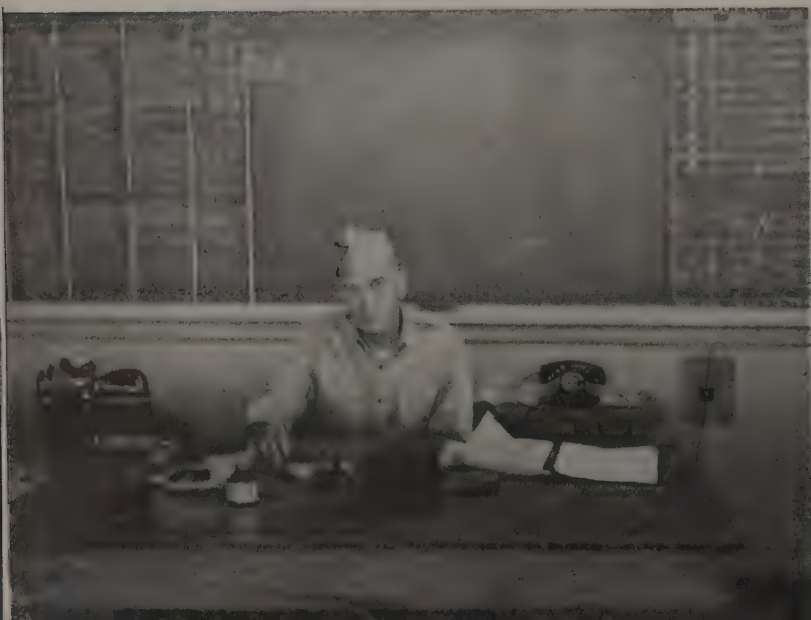
Top: 1st Lt. J. D. Fansler with his staff
Above: 1st Lt. R. P. Merchant, Operations Officer



M O T O R

CWO Ruhl, in charge of Maintenance

New motor installation on a 6x6





Top: Repairing the front end of a wrecker
Above: Gas Pits

Top: Parts Repair Shop
Above: Jeep being washed at the wash rack

P O O L

117 Trucks waiting to form a convoy



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The Drivers wait in the Ready Room





The Range Tower and .45 Caliber
Submachine Gun Range.



Supply men on tanks



Another view of the Range Tower
on the .45 Caliber Submachine
Gun Range.



Supply receiving surplus material



GI at a table saw



GI at a band saw



Two GI's at planer



In the Paint Shop



Welding



First Regiment Rangers gather around a campfire during an all-night problem at A. P. Hill.

Troops de-truck from vehicles preparing to enter the Base Camp Area at A. P. Hill.





Officers' Club, A. P. Hill



Consolidated Mess Hall at A. P. Hill



A. P. Hill Enlisted Men's Mess Hall



Orientation of Officers after their arrival at A. P. Hill

The lead vehicles in convoy arrive at A. P. Hill with troops from A. P. G.



Field Training Battalion Headquarters Area, A. P. Hill





Hole Two on the Aberdeen Proving Ground Golf Course

F O R F U N . . .

AND RELAXATION . . .

Girls and GI's line up for refreshments during a party at the USO







THE OFFICERS SALUTE AS THE SEVENTH BATTALION, SECOND REGIMENT, COLORS PASS IN REVIEW.

P A S S I N R E V I E W !

The Commanding General and assembled officers present arms as the National Colors pass.



Lt. Col. J. N. Peale is decorated with the DSC by Brig. Gen. A. B. Quinton.



General Quinton Decorates Lt. Donovan with an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal.





TUG-O-WAR FINALS, FIRST REGIMENT FIELD DAY

THE BOYS ENJOY THE SECOND BATTALION FIELD DAY SHOW





Company D is given some instructions in the Manual of Arms.

Some of the boys take time out from the competition to relax.



Grenade-Throwing Contest.

The 324th Band plays for all events.



Company E, runners-up in the 150-lb. Tug-O-War Contest.

Company G, runners-up in the heavyweight Tug-O-War Contest.



A dance team performs for the Second Battalion Field Day Show.

Another entertainer in the Second Battalion Field Day Show.





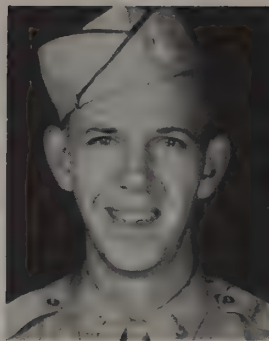
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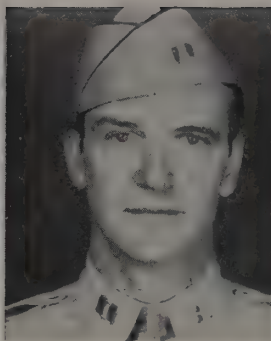
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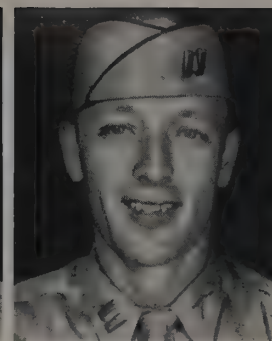
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8th Battalion



ERNEST LEAVELLE BILLINGSLEY
Captain
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Company C



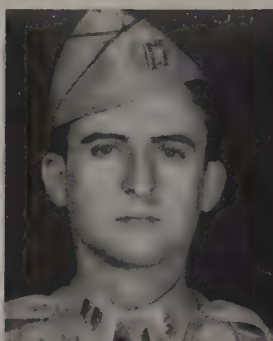
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Captain
Executive Officer
7th Battalion



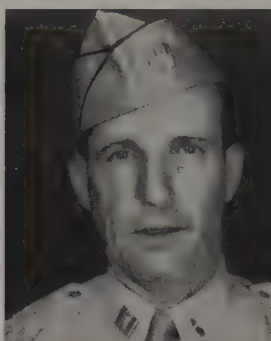
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Company E



GEORGE A. MacDOUGALL
Captain
Commanding Officer
Company M



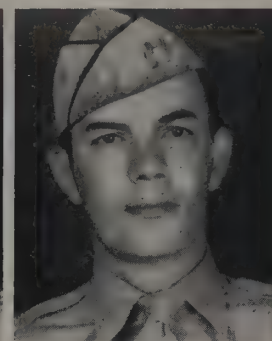
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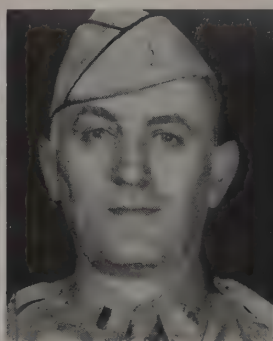
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Captain
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Company A



CHARLES LEACH WILLY
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Commanding Officer
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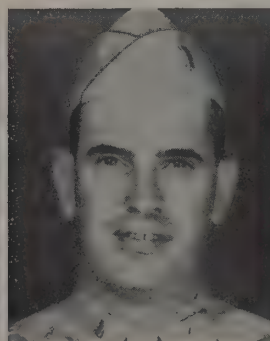
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Platoon Leader, Company G



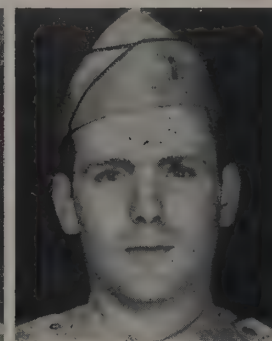
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ROBERT KENNETH CLARK
First Lieutenant
Platoon Leader, Company M



ANDREW D. HANLEY
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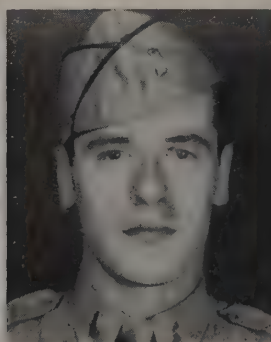
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Company L



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Company Officer, Company M



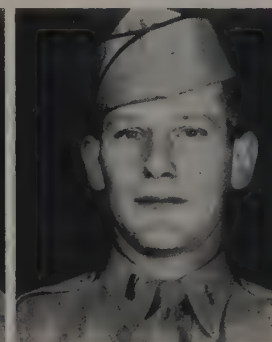
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CHRISTOPHER J. O'HALLORAN
Second Lieutenant
Platoon Leader, Company E



STANLEY SILVERMAN
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Platoon Leader, Company G



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COMPANY B

SIXTH BATTALION



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Below: Marching off after class
Center: Prone position
Bottom: Turning in equipment after class

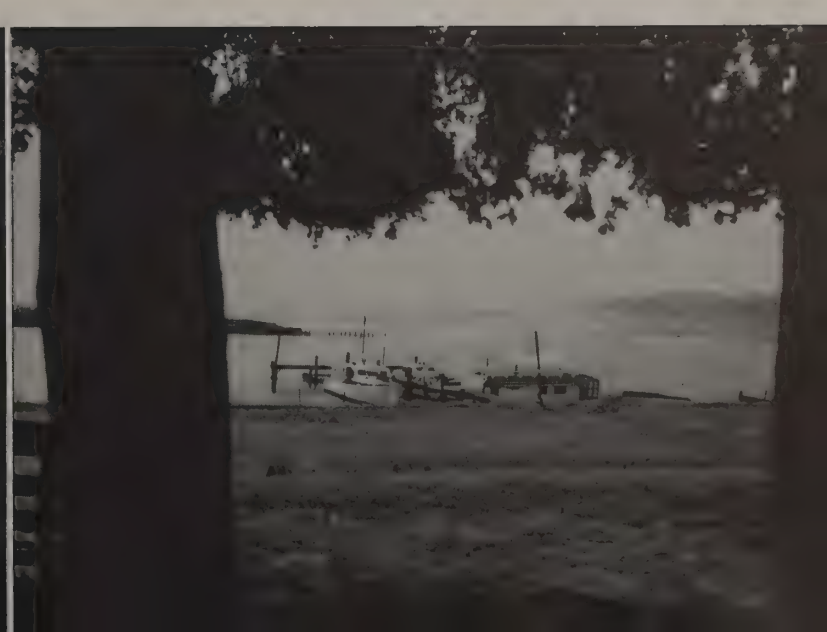


Below: Detail moving out after class
Center: Sitting position—rifle marksmanship instruction
Bottom: A. P. hill field training





Left, top: Class instruction in rifle marksmanship. Left, Bottom:
Detail cleaning up after class. Below, left: "The shootin's over."
Below, bottom: Familiar scene, the boat landing





Left, top: KP's at chow. Left, bottom: Cooks Mixing spuds. Bottom: It's the ups and downs in group physical training. Bottom: Chow line.

ON OPPOSITE PAGE. Top left and top right: Regular Saturday afternoon roller skating frolic at the Arctic Theater. Left: Man on guard duty. Right and bottom: Group physical training with rifles.





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